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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to applicant's response filed on 09/01/2004.

2. Claim 1-33 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herschkorn (U.S. Pat. No. 6,691,094) in view of Baldwin et al. (6,310,952).

As per claims 1, 3, 7-9, and 11 Herschkorn substantially discloses a bank loan trading system/method to utilize an electronic facility to facilitate the trading of bank loans. Sellers (or service providers) and buyers enter offers and bids (or plurality of service providers or banks) that are posted to all potential buyers and sellers, unless the orders are undisclosed (which is readable as Applicant's claimed invention wherein said a method of providing service provider information (bank loans) to a client device in a distributed computer system) comprising:

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obtaining at least bids from a plurality of service providers for providing a service (see., abstract, col 4, lines 63-67, col 5, lines 1-8, lines 14-28, col 6, lines 5-16, col 10, lines 37-58, col 11, lines 25-67);

providing the bids from the plurality of service providers (abstract, col 5, lines 1-8, lines 14-28, col 6, lines 5-16, col 10, lines 37-58, col 11, lines 25-67).

It is to be noted that Herschkorn fails to explicitly disclose an estimated time (or travel) completion for the service. However, Baldwin discloses a method/system for providing easy access to a service provider that provides service over a communications system. A queue 27 informs a caller of an estimated amount of time before the caller will reach the top of the queue. A set of information includes information such as the name of the caller, the amount of money the caller is willing to pay, or bid, for a queue (see., Baldwin, col 4, lines 33-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the online bank loan trading system of Herschkorn by including the limitation detailed above as taught by Baldwin because such modification would provide automated access to service providers based upon an estimated amount of time.

As per claim 2, Herschkorn discloses the claimed method of determining a service provider rating for each of the plurality of service providers; and providing the service provider rating for each of the plurality of service providers to the client or customers device (see., col 1, lines 55-67, col 2, lines 13-18, col 3, lines 66 and 67, col 4, lines 1-14).

As per claim 4, Herschkorn Fader discloses the claimed method wherein the at least one bid includes a price for providing the service (see., abstract, col 5, lines 14-28).

As per claims 5, and 6 Herschkorn discloses the claimed method as stated in claims 1 and 4 above. It is to be noted that Herschkorn fails to explicitly disclose an estimated time (or travel) completion for the service. However, Baldwin discloses a method/system for providing easy access to a service provider that provides service over a communications system. A queue 27 informs a caller of an estimated amount of time before the caller will reach the top of the queue. A set of information includes information such as the name of the caller, the amount of money the caller is willing to pay, or bid, for a queue (see., Baldwin, col 4, lines 33-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the online bank loan trading system of Herschkorn by including the limitation detail above because such modification would provide automated access to service providers based upon an estimated amount of time.

As per claim 10, Baldwin discloses the claimed method wherein the electronic marketplace provider is present on a proxy server or queuing system 16 (see., see., Fig 1, col 3, lines 21-67, col 4, lines 1-15, please note that the proxy server is readable as the queuing system 16 since it provides user's identification, such as caller's or user's name, address, and phone number).

As per claims 12, 14, 16-20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27-31, and 33 Herschkorn substantially discloses apparatus of conducting a time-auction among queuing customers. A bid is received from one of the queuing customers and compared with the prices being offered by the other customers waiting in line. The queuing showing a user's updated position in the queue due to having bid a higher rate to receive services from the information provider (which is readable as Applicant's claimed invention wherein said an apparatus of providing service provider information to a client device in a distributed computer system) comprising:

a first interface or first instructions (see., abstract, col 4, lines 63-67, col 5, lines 1-8, lines 14-28, col 6, lines 5-16, col 10, lines 37-58, col 11, lines 25-67);

a second interface or second instructions (see., abstract, col 5, lines 1-8, lines 14-28, col 6, lines 5-16, col 10, lines 37-58, col 11, lines 25-67). It is to be noted that Herschkorn fails to explicitly disclose an estimated time completion or calculating an estimated time for the service. However, Baldwin discloses a method/system for providing easy access or third instructions to a service provider that provides service over a communications system. A queue 27 informs a caller of an estimated amount of time before the caller will reach the top of the queue. A set of information includes information such as the name of the caller, the amount of money the caller is willing to pay, or bid, for a queue (see., Baldwin, col 4, lines 33-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the online bank loan trading system of Herschkorn by including the limitation

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detailed above because such modification would provide automated access to service

providers based upon an estimated amount of time.

As per claims 13, 15, and 16 Herschkorn discloses the claimed limitations wherein the

processor determines a service provider rating for each of the plurality of service

providers and the second interface provides the service provider rating for each of the

plurality of service providers to the client device or customer (see., col 1, lines 55-67, col

2, lines 13-18, col 3, lines 66 and 67, col 4, lines 1-14).

As per claim 21, Baldwin discloses the claimed limitations wherein the electronic

marketplace provider is present on a proxy server or queuing system 16 (see., see., Fig.

1, col 3, lines 21-67, col 4, lines 1-15, please note that the proxy server is readable as

the queuing system 16 since it provides user's identification, such as caller's or user's

name, address, and phone number).

As per claim 32, Herschkorn discloses the claimed limitations wherein the electronic

marketplace provider is present on a proxy server or queuing system 16 (see., col 7,

lines 44-67, col 16, lines 1-22, specifically user authentication security measures).

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 09/01/2004 have been fully considered but they

moot in view of new ground (s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703 305-9769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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